

Letter to the Department of the Treasury
(Attachment 2)

Honorable Douglas Dillon
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On January 10, 1964, the Commission's General Counsel, Mr. Rankin, wrote to Chief Rowley of the Secret Service. Among other things, Mr. Rankin requested advice as to any changes in procedures for protecting the President which had been instituted since the assassination, and also for a formal statement of recommendations of the Secret Service regarding the entire matter of Presidential security.

The Commission would now like to amplify these requests by addressing a somewhat broader inquiry to you. In connection with its review of arrangements for safeguarding the President, the Commission would appreciate being furnished any materials, which have not already been furnished, in the following categories:

- (a) Any memorandum or study, which existed at the time of the assassination, pertaining to arrangements for safeguarding the President.
- (b) Any written description, which existed at the time of the assassination, of criteria employed in determining what information coming to the attention of other parts of the Treasury Department should be furnished to the Secret Service.
- (c) Any written description, which existed at the time of the assassination, of the criteria employed by the Secret Service in determining what information coming to its attention should be incorporated into the files of the Protective Research Section,

(d) Any written description, which existed at the time of the assassination, of the criteria employed by the Secret Service in determining whether to conduct an investigation into any matter regarding the security of the President.

(e) Any written description, which existed at the time of the assassination, of the procedures employed by other parts of the Treasury Department, in carrying out liaison with the Secret Service in connection with safeguarding the President.

(f) Any written description, which existed at the time of the assassination, of the procedures employed by the Secret Service in carrying out liaison with other federal, state, and local agencies, in connection with collecting information and taking protective measures to assist in safeguarding the President.

(g) Any memorandum or study of the matters covered in (a) through (f) above, which has been prepared since the assassination, including any consideration of any change in such arrangements, criteria or procedures.

To the extent that written materials do not now exist with respect to these matters, it would be of invaluable assistance to the Commission if a written report or reports thereon could be prepared and made available.

In addition, the Commission would appreciate a formal statement of your recommendations regarding the entire matter of Presidential security.

As you know, it is possible that the Commission may wish eventually to make certain recommendations regarding this problem. We are interested, of course, in having the benefit of your experience as we consider various aspects of the problem.

I recognize that the information requested in this letter requires the most careful and secure treatment. The Commission would be pleased to discuss any suggestions you may have as to security precautions you would want to observe in making the data available to the Commission.

On behalf of the Commission I wish to thank you and your representatives for your continued assistance to the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Chairman